

Strafford Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 01, 2020

Present: Mimi Jost, Randy Jacunski, Kerry Omand, Liz Evans, Scott Young, Michael Ferber, Sue Barnes

Opening & Introduction

The Zoom meeting was opened at 7:03 pm. A motion was made by Mimi and seconded by Sue to approve the March minutes. Approved.

Liz read the abbreviated version of the Emergency Declarations.

Guests: None

DES Applications: Notified of work at Austin-Cate (alteration of terrain permit) involving parking lots and rain gardens. Information purposes only, we do not comment.

Continuing Business

IRCR – Garlic mustard pull had 6 people in attendance and each person picked one large garbage bag. Attendees Mimi, Randy, Sue, Harmony, Dave and Carolyn.

Town Forest- Multiple fire pits being used on high elevations, reported by Rick Hodges. Will contact Rick about his observations and suggestions to mitigate problems. Contact police department to ticket overnight parking, keep eye on activity? May need to monitor internet groups about discussions involving activities on Parker and Evans MT. : Summitpost.org and AllTrails.com. Kerry will look into this.

Need to review our official use ordinances.

Need to check current signage.

Dr. Garnas's group re affirmed its interest in another ash study. They have marked trees for inclusion in the injection study.

Randy will post Fire Hazard issue in next Conservation Notes.

Evans Mt.- Prep for Eastern Whip-poor-will survey later in the week. Sue, Randy and Scott will attend. Discussed placing a gate at the far end of the Evans Mt. main logging road to thwart illegal wheeled vehicle entry. Kerry will check source of other gate and pricing.

Leighton Forest- Announced a presentation will be made to the Selectman about our support for this project and recommend the town hold an executory interest in the property in exchange of our financial support.

Waldron Easement-Katrina Amaral led commission members on a walk of the property May 21st. Discussed the merits of the property and indicated support if the landowner

wants to pursue a conservation easement. The property is dry upland forest with significant road frontage.

Other- Discussed Board appointments.

Meeting ended 8:16 pm

Next meeting: Monday, July 6, 2020 7 pm. Town Hall or Zoom. **Site Visits:** None scheduled

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Young